

**Amendments to the Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (canceled).
2. (currently amended)        The [toy] game of claim [1] 13, wherein the spherical rare earth magnet comprises a neodymium iron boron (NdFeB) magnet.
3. (currently amended)        The [toy] game of claim [1] 13, wherein the spherical rare earth magnet comprises a samarium cobalt (SmCo) magnet.
4. (currently amended)        The [toy] game of claim [1] 13, wherein the spherical rare earth magnet comprises an aluminum nickel cobalt (AlNiCO) magnet.
5. (currently amended)        The [toy] game of claim [1] 13, wherein the elastic shell comprises an elastopolymer.
6. (currently amended)        The [toy] game of claim [1] 13, wherein the elastic shell comprises a polymer foam.
7. (canceled).
8. (currently amended)        The [toy] game of claim [1] 13, wherein said ball is generally spherical.
9. (currently amended)        The [toy] game of claim [1] 13, wherein said elastic shell is formed from two generally hemispherical portions.
10. (currently amended)       The game of claim [7] 13, wherein said target layer comprises a non-metal sheet with an image printed thereon, said sheet being temporarily mounted to a

surface comprising material selected from the group consisting of ferrous material and magnetic material.

11. (canceled).

12. (canceled).

13. (currently amended) [The] A game [of claim 12,] for a player to bounce a ball against a solid surface and toward a target, the game comprising:

a ball comprising a spherical, rare earth magnet having a magnetic field, and an elastic shell encompassing the spherical rare earth magnet, said elastic shell providing sufficient elasticity for causing said ball to bounce upon impact of said ball with said solid surface;  
and

a target layer comprising material selected from the group consisting of ferrous material and magnetic material, the target layer having goals formed therein wherein at least one of said goals has a magnetic polarity;

wherein said magnetic field is of sufficient strength to overcome said elasticity when said ball impacts said target layer and to cause said ball to magnetically attach to said target layer when said ball and said target layer come in contact with each other.

14. (canceled).

15. (canceled).

16. (canceled).